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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005. Please note that the period for response has been extended until December 15, 2005 by the accompanying Petition and fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.